

Appendix I: Section 4(f)/6(f) Properties



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RE: Section 4(f) Screening for Impacts Related to the Southern Corridor Project

Dear Mr. Dowell:

The St. George Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, is in receipt of a request from HDR Engineering, consultant for the Southern Corridor Project environmental impacts analysis, to identify any section 4(f) resources on public lands within the project area. As this office has previously identified to HDR staff during meetings held here in the St. George Field Office, the following section 4(f) resources are present within the project area and could be impacted by construction of the Southern Corridor Project, depending on the alternative selected:

Sand Mountain Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA)-40,725 acres
designated by *St. George Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan* (March 1999)

Special Features of Sand Mountain SRMA:

- A. Fort Pearce Historic Site- significant historic site and visitor attraction
- B. Dominguez-Escalante Trail-significant historic trail and recreational use area
- C. Honeymoon and Temple Trails-significant historic trails and visitor attractions
- D. Dinosaur Trackway-significant paleontological site and visitor attraction
- E. Sand dune off-highway vehicle recreation area
- F. Multiple use recreation trails: hiking, equestrian, mountain bike, motorized vehicles

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Warner Ridge/Fort Pearce Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC)-4,281 acres
designated by *St. George Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan* (March 1999)

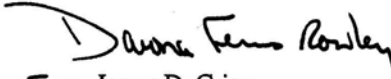
Special Features of the ACEC:

- A. Threatened and endangered plant species
- B. Fort Pearce-significant historic site and visitor attraction
- C. Honeymoon Trail-significant historic trail and visitor attraction
- D. Essential Wildlife Habitat and Riparian Values-water fowl, gila monster, bats, raptors
- F. Multiple use recreation trails: hiking, equestrian, mountain biking

Other historic properties, as defined by the implementing regulations for the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (36 CFR 60.4 a-d), are present in the SRMA and ACEC. These include prehistoric and historic period archeological sites that satisfy one of more of the eligibility criteria for inclusion to the National Register of Historic Places. An assessment of any project-related effects to these resources will need to be completed and Section 106 consultation conducted with the Utah State Historic Preservation Officer for the Southern Corridor Project. Appropriate treatments to lessen any adverse effects to historic properties must be implemented prior to the authorization of rights-of-way grants on public lands.

The environmental impact statement currently being prepared by HDR Engineering will need to take into account the above-cited resources and fully disclose any project-related impacts. If you have questions or require any additional information concerning these recommendations, kindly contact Dawna Ferris-Rowley, Assistant Field Office Manager, at 688-3216. We look forward to working with you and the other parties associated with this project.

Sincerely,


For James D. Crisp
Field Office Manager

cc: Vincent Izzo
HDR Engineering